

IOWAccess Project 6

Online Housing & Finance Information System

Friday, May 22, 1998 ✧ 10 am - Noon

Iowa Department of Economic Development ✧ 200 E. Grand ✧ Des Moines

Members Present

Anette Barnard, Iowa Department of Elder Affairs
Jim Chesnick, Iowa Department of Human Rights
Robyn Holdorf, US Department of Agriculture-Rural Development
Julie Noland, Iowa Finance Authority
Steve Shelley, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Rose Wazny, Iowa Department of Economic Development

Contractors

Nora Ladjahasan, Iowa State University
Mike Miller, Iowa State University

Staff

Tori Squires
Matt Theobald, Iowa Interactive

Guest

Beth Danowsky, Iowa Rural Development Council

Welcome

Noland called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Iowa Rural Development Council (IRDC)

Danowsky discussed the role of the IRDC in rural development and noted that the group is very interested in both technology and housing. She noted that the group would like to be involved in this effort in any way possible.

Project 1 Update

Theobald reported that Iowa Interactive has hired Jeff Cox who will be responsible for applications development. Iowa Interactive has also rented office space and will move in at the beginning of June. He also noted that servers have been ordered. Once the IOWAccess site is operational, it can be accessed at www.iowaccess.org.

Update from Iowa State University

Miller noted that 180 surveys from the lender group have been entered into the system. He stated that a web site has been created for the project team to test it. The project team can access the site at <http://pv8e3a.vincent.iastate.edu/IA>.

Ladjahasan noted that 245 local groups have been contacted with approximately 20 additional groups to be contacted.

Miller reviewed program information that is still missing. This includes Iowa League of Saving, Section 8 project-based, Iowa Flex Experiment, and Iowa Small Employers. Anyone with additional information on these should contact Miller.

Program information will be mailed to the appropriated federal and state agencies for review and input. An online method of updating the information will be offered. This method will allow the agency to contact Miller, who will update the information the web site.

It was determined that the 1993 elderly housing survey will be updated to provide additional information for the web site. It was noted that IDED has a list of updated emergency shelter information that will be shared with ISU.

Miller noted that the web site will also provide links to other housing web pages such as Iowa Finance Authority, Fannie Mae, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and loan calculators. Team members should forward web sites to be included on this to Miller.

The ISU team asked for suggestions for the web page's name. It was also noted that graphics and navigation on the site are still being worked on.

Next Team Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 26 from 10 am – Noon, tentatively at the Iowa Department of Economic Development.